

# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 952.001  
First Named Inventor Thomas Bostedt  
Title Trailer Hitch Storage Apparatus  
Express Mail Label No. EV313042210US

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. (X) Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. (X) Applicant claims small entity status  
See 37 CFR 1.27
3. (X) Specification [Total Pages 16]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below, MPEP 1503.01)
  - Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claims
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. (X) Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 9]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 1]
  - a. (X) Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b. ( ) Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 16 completed)
    - i. ( ) DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63 (d)(2) and 1.33 (b).
6. ( ) Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
7. ( ) CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program  
(Appendix)

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8. ( ) Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)

- a. ( ) Computer Readable Form (CRF)
- b. ( ) Specification Sequence Listing on:
  - i. ( ) CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
  - ii. ( ) paper
- c. ( ) Statement verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ( ) Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ( ) 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ( ) Power of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee)
11. ( ) English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ( ) Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ( ) Copies of IDS Citations
13. ( ) Preliminary Amendment
14. (X) Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
15. ( ) Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. (X) Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122  
(b)(2)(B)(i) - Applicant must attached form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent
17. ( ) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

16. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

( ) Continuation ( ) Divisional ( ) Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No: \_\_\_\_\_

Prior application information: Examiner \_\_\_\_\_

Group / Art Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL  
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☒ Applicant Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$509.00)****Complete if Known**

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952.001

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to the above-identified deposit account.**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
101	770	201	385	Utility filing fee	385.00
106	340	206	170	Design filing fee	
107	530	207	265	Plant filing fee	
108	770	208	385	Reissue filing fee	
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee	

**SUBTOTAL (1) (\$385.00)****2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

Total Claims		Extra Claims		Fee from below		Fee Paid
Independent	Multiple Dependent					
29	4	20** = 9	x	9.00	=	81.00
		3** = 1	x	43.00	=	43.00

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	86	202	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	290	204	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	86	209	43	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

**SUBTOTAL (2) (\$124.00)**

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**FEE CALCULATION (continued)****3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee	Fee	Fee	Fee		
105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	420	216	210	Extension for reply within second month	
117	950	217	475	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,480	218	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	2,010	228	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	330	219	165	Notice of Appeal	
120	330	220	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	290	221	145	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,330	241	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,330	242	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	480	243	240	Design issue fee	
144	640	244	320	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	770	246	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	770	249	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	770	279	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

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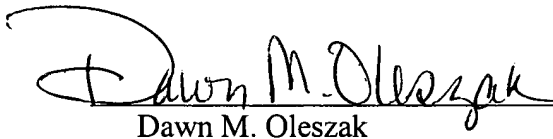
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<b>REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)</b>	First Named Inventor	Thomas Bostedt
	Title	Trailer Hitch Storage Apparatus
	Atty. Docket Number	952.001
<p>I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application <b>has not and will not be</b> the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).</p> <p>March 23, 2004 _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Date</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> _____ Signature</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Andrew S. McConnell _____ Typed or printed name</p> <p>This request must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.33(b) and submitted with the application <b>upon filing</b>.</p> <p>Applicant may rescind this nonpublication request at any time. If applicant rescinds a request that an application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b), the application will be scheduled for publication at eighteen months from the earliest claimed filing date for which a benefit is claimed.</p> <p>If applicant subsequently files an application directed to the invention disclosed in the attached application in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing, the applicant <b>must</b> notify the United States Patent and Trademark Office of such filing within forty-five (45) days after the date of the filing of such foreign or international application. <b>Failure to do so will result in abandonment of this application (35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(b)(iii)).</b></p>		